Letters to the editor

Strides made in cancer treatment

Editor:

The story hasn't changed. Cancer is still a horrible, senseless disease. Over the years many Appomattox County residents have left us as a result. But...there is GOOD NEWS too!

Just recently Appomattox County, through the American Cancern Society was able to acquire eleven additional hospital beds. This is good news.

AND, there's a special air of excitement in cancer research today, brought on by new understanding of how and why normal cells turn into cancer. Its nothing less than a revolution in this field. This is because the American Cancern Society has consistently funded basic research. Springing from this have come DNA, enzymes effecting early detection techniques, treatment and prevention.

A key phonomenon is in "ONCOGENES"...normal genes that "switch-on" later in life when they should remain "off"...thus, producing cancer. Several "ONCOGENES" have been identified in cancers as different as colon, bladder and lung. Instead of many solutions to many problems of hundreds of different cancers, we may be looking now at several common denominators, leading to simpler ways to anticipate and prevent or cure many forms of this desease.

American Cancern Society allocates about $60 million a year for a broadly based research program. Approximately $11 million has been spent on the study of human T-cell leukemia virus which appears to be the cause of much leukemia and lymphoma, since 1977.

More grants will be given this year for cancer cause and prevention including metastasis--the spread of cancer, or food substances that either promote or protect us nfrom cancer.

THE **Cancer Prevention Study II**, tracked down by 75,000 Society volunteers (including our local board members) recorded survey findings of individual life-styles, occupational hazards and the potential for protective diets.

More funds will be given to increase clinical trials such as those with interferon, which are time consumming and very expensive. 50% of cancer patients are surviving and their number are growing! A recent study showed a definite decrease in the mortality rate in children's cancer. Patient services are involving more volunteers as hospital visitors and educational setups. Road to Recovery, getting patients to and from their medical appointments, has gained much mileage over this past year.

What's planned new for this year? The American Cancer Society will launch a new three-year program on Colorectal Cancer this Fall. Volunteers, both medical and volunteer laymen, will play an important role in making aware colon and rectal cancer to the general public. Especially, that early detection is 77 percent curable as compared to 39 percent once the cancer had spread. You will hear a lot more about the "CHEK PRGRAM" in months to come.

All in all, your Appomattox County Board of the American Cancer Society has been busy. We will come, we will talk, we will help with all the ability we can give. In return, we ask for you financial help during the month of April.

Great things are about to happen!

Sincerely,
G. Daniel Stratton, Chairman
1984 American Cancer Society
Fund Drive

Mays recommends benefit concert

Editor:

I am writing to recommend to the people of Appomattox that they attend the "Hollanders" concert this Saturday night at 7:30 in the high school auditorium.

In 1982, the Commissioners of the Revenue Association of Virginia held their annual convention in Roanoke. For entertainment during the president's reception, we had the Hollanders. They were the best entertainment the association has ever had. At the end of the performance, all 144 representatives of the counties and cities there stood to give the Hollanders a standing ovation.

We got the Hollanders to perform on the recommendation of Donald Williams, commissioner of the state Division of Motor Vehicles, who had heard them perform and was very impressed.

The Hollanders have performed with the Statler Brothers, and have carried their performances throughout nine states. And, at the end of every performance, they have received a standing ovation.

The Appomattox Young Farmers have organized this concert for the benefit of Linda Booth, who was seriously injured in a farm accident last year. I highly recommend that you come out and support a wonderful individual, Linda Booth, and a wonderful family, the Booths.

The Hollanders give a memorable performance, and you will be helpinkg a very worthy cause.

Sincerely,
Monte Mays

More on the pigeon controversy

Editor:

"What pigeons?", is right! Appomattox hardly has any. I have been living here for a good while and I rarely see pigeons. I think Town Council is making a mountain out of a hole!

The money spend on destroying the few pigeons we have could be used towards installing a traffic light at the corner of Confederate Boulevard and Oakleigh Avenue or paving and lighting Pine Street.

Appomattox is a small city which is growing rapidly. Think of how large Lynchburg is. They have thousands of pigeons but you never hear any mention of problems. Grow up Appomattox. You can be compared to a small child who cries upon seeing a tiny ant.

Build homes for the pigeons. Clean you building periodically. But don't think for one minute that the birds are diseased. They aren't. Do you ever see dead pigeons laying around with bloated stomachs? No, you don't. That would indicate disease.

If anything, catch them and send them to a city that would appreciate them, like Lynchburg. You know, they are an "All American" city. The people and pigeons live together in harmony.

Yes, Bobby Taylor was right! If the pigeons are killed, an official ceremony should be held for the removal of several bird sanctuary signs in the town. All pigeon haters could attend.

Concerned pigeon raiser,
T. Hansen

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Cassie Baldwin

Miss Cassie is honored

The afterglow surprise birthday party was held in the Fellowship Hall of Rocks Baptist Church March 25 for Cassie Baldwin.

Forty-nine guests were present. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Woody presented her with a birthday cake. A number assisted with the refreshments. Cake and punch were served.

She received many cards and gifts "Miss Cassie" as she is affectionately known to her friends, has been a country correspondent for the **Times-Virginian** starting now on the 51st year.

All wished her many more birthdays. "The older one gets, the sweeter the birthdays get," she said. "Thanks to everyone for doing so much for me. May the Lord bless each one of you," she concluded.

Oakville club plans meeting

The Oakville Extension Homemakers will meet at 1:30 p.m. April 5 at the Oakville School. If you would like to join this group, call the president, Geraldine Marshall, at 352-9080. This meeting is open to all people, regardless of race, color, creed or age.

Historians plan meeting

The Appomattox County Historical Society will hold its annual meeting on Monday, April 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the Extension Office building across from the Court House on Court Street.

Miss Sarah Hickson, head librarian of Jones Memorial Library, Lynchburg, will be the guest speaker. Her topic will be, "He Lives' Twice...Who Enjoys Both The Past and the Present."

Individuals interested in Appomattox County History are cordially invited to attend.

Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the meeting.

Rocks news

By CASSIE BALDWIN

Rocks March 26: We're thankful for the nice rains this week. There was snow in many places close by. Spring is on its way.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Caldwell who celebrated their 21st wedding anniversary at Natural Bridge the weekend of March 24.

Get-well wishes go out to Agnes Fleshman, who returned home form the hospital Sunday.

Mrs. Pauline Hogan of near Prospect lost her life in a tragic fire March 23 that destroyed her home. Sympathy goes out to her relatives. A memorial service was held Monday in Farmville.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth St. John of Evergreen left on Saturday for Canada to visit their son Dennis and family for a few days.

Sympathy goes out to the Lucado and Williams families, who lost a sister, Mrs. Beulah Grammar. She died at the home of Mrs. Ada Lucado after a short illness. The funeral was held at Robinson's Funeral Home Tuesday with interment at 3:30 p.m. in Forest Lawn Cemetery in Richmond.

Get-well wishes go out to Stella Price who had a successful operation and is doing well.

A nice crowd attended the shower for Debora and Ronnie Richardson last Saturday night in the fellowship hall of Rocks Church. They received many nice and useful gifts.

A very sad gloom hit Appomattox County and Evergreen Community when Mr. Frank Williamson died on his way home from work on Tuesday. Sympathy goes out to them. He will be greatly missed at home and in the church, where he was so faithful and was loved by all who knew him. A large crowd attended his funeral at Evergreen Baptist Church Thursday.

Get-well wishes go out to Odelle Ranson, who was quite sick recently.

Sympathy goes out to the Marshall Scruggs family in the death of their loved one, who passed away Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Baldwin are all smiles; it's another boy, Christopher Neil, 8 lbs. and 10 ozs., born on March 24. He came home on Tuesday, March 27. All are doing well. Get well wishes go out to Tim Almond, who sprained his ankle.

Mary Ellen Hamlett had a successful operation at Charlottesville Hospital this week and is doing well. May she have a quick recovery.

Mrs. Bertie Keys returned home today, Friday, from the hospital. A speedy recovery is wished her.

The Young Hearts Club met at Mt. Comfort Methodist Church March 28, with 33 members present. The Rev. Camden had charge of the devotion. A memorial service was held for Edith Drinkard Hunter, who passed away in September.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E.Roach attended the Prayer Warriors meeting at Bible Baptist Church on Thrusday. A number came out for it.

Did you think to pray for the revival that is going on this week at Pelham Church in Vermont? This is our sister church. Hope they had a great revival and saved many souls.

Glad Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth St. John returned safely from a trip to Canada. They got back on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Congton and Mrs. Louise Roach called to see Cassie Baldwin last Monday on her birthday. She received many phone calls that day.

Get-well wishes go out to Helen Ranson's niece Cindy who is doing well after her operation.

Mrs. Myrtle Richardson called to see Agnes Fleshman last Sunday afternoon.

MRS. HUNTER NASH, right, accepts plaque honoring 35 years of service as president of the Bethany Ladies Auxiliary. The presentation was made by Mrs. Howard Stanley, left, newly elected president of the organization.

Auxiliary honors Mrs. Nash

The Bethany Ladies Auxiliary honored Mrs. Hunter Nash on March 15 for her leadership of the auxiliary for 35 years. Mrs. Nash retired from her position as president after 35 years of service.

The auxiliary met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Stanley. Mrs. Nash was presented a corsage and an engraved placque by the auxiliary, and gifts from individual members.

A buffet meal, featuring a large decorated cake, drinks, cold cuts, salads, cheeses, crackers, and other side dishes, was served.

The program consisted of testimonies to Mrs. Nash. Mrs. Gerald Blanks read her original poem entitled, "She Is A Saint". Mrs. John Archer read a poem entitled, "In Honor of Willie Nash, Auxiliary President," written by Mrs. W.C. Nash, sister of the honoree.

Mrs. Howard Stanley was voted in as the new president. Mrs. Mark Newman was elected the new Vice President, and Mrs. Gerald Blanks was reelected secretary/treasurer.

Mrs. Nash will continue as counselor, advisor and friend of all the auxiliary.

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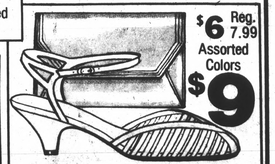

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Plan now for future apples

By JAMES A. SMITH
Extension Agent

It's getting late to plant apple trees, but recently we've had a number of calls concerning backyard apples. It is a good time to begin planning future plantings and for me to say that there are some disease resistant varieties on the markets. It's a way to have higher quality fruit and reduce cost of pesticides.

These varieties are: Freedom--resistant to apple scab, moderately resistant to powdery mildew and cedar apple rust. Prima--immune to scab, resistant to fire blight, powdery mildew and cedar apple rust. Liberty--highly resistant to major apple diseases. Jonafree-immune to scab, resistant to fire blight and cedar apple rust, moderately susceptible to mildew. Redfree-immune to scab and cedar apple rust and moderately resistant to fire blight and mildew.

We can provide a slightly enlarged review of these apple varieties or check your nursery catalog.

There were 1001 steers sold last Thursday with prices ranging from $72.75 to upper 80's for S grade cattle. The 510 heifers ranged from $58.25 to the low '50's.

One of the many services of the County Extension Office is identification of insects and provide control recommendations. Recently an in-cost/benefit analysis of The Insect Identification Lab service was completed. Preliminary calculations indicate the cost per indentification is about $10. The value of an identification to the client is more difficult to measure, it can range from a few dollars to several thousand dollars. The preliminary estimate of the average value per identification is $57.

There were 23 specimen submitted to the lab from Appomattox County. Using the $57 figure the value of the service was $1311.

A relative newcomer to the world of basic research, a technique for producing specific disease antibodies is quickly expanding the horizons of animal and plant disease prevention.

The process is called hybridoma. The first step in the relatively new process of producing specific disease antibodies is called monoclonial antibodies.

A new product for the prevention of calf scours has recently come on the market. It is approved by USDA for marketing and is a genetically engineered monoclonial antibody against the E. coli which produces diarrhea in newborn calves. The product Geneoi 99 is sold through veterinarians to dairy and beef producers. This product was introduced in Canada March 1983, and was the first monoclonial antibody licensed in any country for use in livestock disease prevention. It is administered within the first 12 hours of life to prevent scors from E. coli. The product works by preventing E. coli bateria from adhearing to the intestional wall.

If another organism is causing the diarrhea, then obviously, this product would be ineffective.

In another 6 to 8 weeks it will be time to put fly tags on your cattle. Seems that the best control is where the two tags are put in yearlings and cows, one in each ear.

Like last year, there are wide differences in prices. Now is a good time to do some shopping. Some that will be marketed this year are: Ectrin Tag, Guardian Tag, Star Bar Tag, Atroban Tag, Fearring Tag, Permectrin Tag or strip and Y Tex Guard Star Tag. Follow the manufacturers directions on the container.

Question--Are all heifers vaccinated against brucellosis? Have all steers been implanted with an implant? Have non-replacement heifers that are six weeks old been implanted with Ralgro?

There are a lot of people that need to see the no-til planted wheat that James Ford has. He has a 35 acre field that looks good. More small grain producers need to follow his lead in '84.

Planning to put alfalfa in this fall? Let's do it no-til. Come by and pick up the directions. Some planning for this process needs to begin now.

Mike McCoy, Todd Scruggs receive national honors

Two ACHS students have been notified of becoming recipients of Achievement Scholarships in the 1984 National Achievement Scholarship Program for Outstanding Negro Students. Counselor Mrs. Linda Archer presented certificates of award to seniors Michael A. McCoy and W. Todd Scruggs.

Todd, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Scruggs of Appomattox, will receive a gift with a minimum value of $500 from transcontinental Gas Pipeline Company. This fall Todd will be attending the College of William and Mary on a full football scholarship. He is planning to continue his interests in math and science as he works toward a degree in Engineering.

Mike, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward McCoy, Sr. of Appomattox, will be awarded a $1,000 scholarship sponsored by IBM Computers, Inc. Mike's plans for this fall are as yet undecided but probably will include either Virginia Tech or University of Virginia. Mike plans to enter the field of engineering or corporate law.

DELEGATES TO GIRLS STATE from Appomattox County High School include (front, from left), Cat Ballowe, and Tracey Trent. Alternates (back) are Sally L. Coleman and Sandy J. Walton.

From ACHS

Girls State delegates named

Cathryn V. Ballowe and Tracey J. Trent are delegates to Girls State, and Sally L. Coleman and Sandy J. Walton are alternates from Appomattox County High School.

The 1984 Virginia Girls State will be held at Longwood College, Farmville, from June 17-23. Local sponsors of the delegates are the American Legion Auxiliary of Appomattox and the Woman's Club.

Delegates are selected who possess leadership ability, scholarship, wholesome attitudes, character, and are active in community service. The purpose of Girls State is to provide citizenship training for rising senior girls, to inform them about the duties, privileges, rights and responsibilities of American citizenship, and to help them grasp the meaning of their responsibilities which they must assume when they become adults.

Cathryn V. Ballowe is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ballowe of Route 4, Appomattox; Tracey J. Trent is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Trent of Route 3, Appomattox; Sally L. Coleman is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald M. Coleman of Appomattox, and Sandy J. Walton is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ezra L. Walton of Spout Spring, Virginia.

Abernathy named to list

Shane Abernathy, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Cloud Abernathy, Appomattox, has been named to the faculty's list of honorable mention for the fall term at Roanoke College. In order to named to the list, a student must be enrolled in at least four units during the term and earn a quality point average of from 3.00 to 3.49.

Abernathy is a graduate of Appomattox County High School.

Roanoke College is a co-educational liberal arts and sciences college with an enrollment of 1250. It was founded in 1842 and is one of the oldest Lutheran colleges in the nation.

TODD SCRUGGS (left) and Mike McCoy receive certificates denoting their achievement scholarship from Appomattox County High School guidance conselor, Linda Archer.

At regional conference

FBLA students compete

Appomattox County High School Future Business Leaders of America paticipated in the Longwood Region Conference competition on Saturday, March 31 at Longwood College. Twenty-four schools out of the 28 in the Longwood region were present. Seventy-one advisors and guests and 389 members attended.

The following Appomattox FBLA members placed:

Kaye Brown won first place in Ms. FBLA; Frances Cashwell, Debbie Hubbel, Karen Stevens, Scott Drinkard (unavailable for picture), and Vicky Worley won first place in Parliamentary Law; Jessica Stanley-chairman, Jeff Drinkard, Cheryl Johns, Kelly Webber, Bernadine Garrett won first place in Business Advocacy; Richard Steadman won second place in Accounting I; and Sonja Hancock won third place in Office Procedures.

The Appomattox chapter also placed first for having the largest chapter membership in the Longwood Region.

Those members placing first will compete at the State Conference in Roanoke April 13-15.

FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA from Appomattox County High School are to be congratulated. They came away winners following participation in Longwood Region Conference competition held recently at Longwood College. In addition to winning in various categories, the Appomattox Chapter placed first for having largest membership in Longwood Region. (Photo by Frances Abbitt).

SHOWN ABOVE, seated left to right, are Danny L. Notestein, 1984 delegate to the Governor's School for the Gifted and Sandy J. Walton, alternate. Danny is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Notestein of Appomattox and Sandy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Walton of Spout Spring, Virginia. Danny will attend Virginia Polytechnic and State University, Blacksburg, the site for the concentration in Computer Science and the Modern World from June 17 - July 14, 1984. Sandy is the alternate. The Governor's School for the Gifted is designed to provide intellectually challenging and enriching experiences for a limited number of rising juniors and seniors who are gifted and/or artistically talented. The curriculum will include classes, seminars, workshops, and independent study.

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